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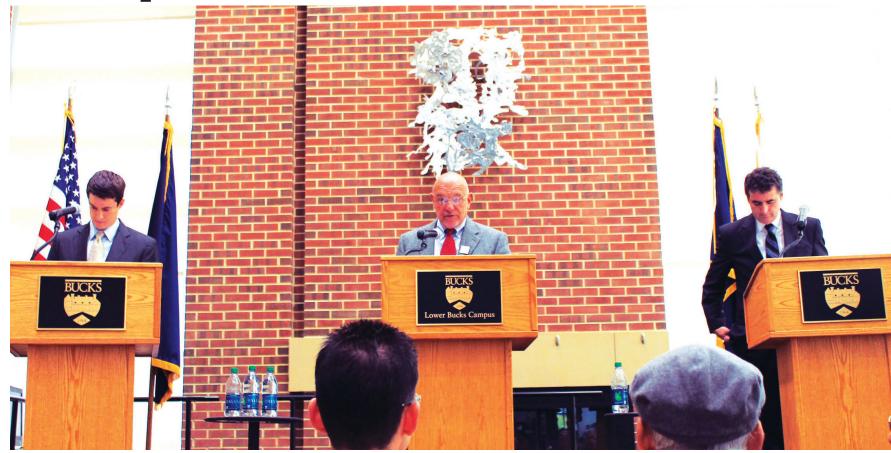
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Fitzpatrick vs. Strouse



From left to right, Democratic candidate Kevin Strouse, moderator professor William Pezza, and Republican incumbent Mike Fitzpatrick Photo CREDIT: MARIA MATTOZZI

BY: MARIA MATTOZZI

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The economy, gay marriage, healthcare and marijuana were topics heavily debated as Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick and Democratic

challenger Kevin Strouse fought to gain supporters in the final leg of their race for the 8th Congressional District.

The two candidates squared off on Oct. 23 at the Lower Bucks Campus in a debate hosted by Social Science Professor William Pezza.

Strouse outlined three key ways to address debt, through improving education, infrastructure and tax reforms. "If we don't have the best trained workforce in the world,

we will not have the best economy."

"I am a believer that we can grow out of debt, but we have to make fundamental sweeping investments," said Strouse.

Fitzpatrick argued that Strouse wants to increase

spending and taxes. "I think Washington is taking away from the middle class. They're taking away money, taking away healthcare and taking away their freedom."

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Voting the online age

BY: DIAMOND SCHULER

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As social media continues to be a driving force in the American lifestyle, its influence has become a significant game changer in both federal and state elections, especially for politicians courting young voters.

Over the last decade social media usage has skyrocketed. The two largest social networks, Facebook now at 1.23 billion monthly active users and Twitter with 232 million monthly active users, have been assimilated into our daily routine.

This trend certainly

holds true for Bucks students, as many students walk the campus tuned in to their cell phones and other mobile devices.

"I use social media every chance I get," said Jessica Serben, 18, an early education major from Yardley.

Marmonee Cooper, 21, a journalism major from Levittown said, "I use [social media] very often just to see if I'm missing out on anything."

According to CIRCLE, the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, 66 percent of youth with any college



Bucks students accessing the internet from the comfort of their arm chairs. experience turned out to vote in the 2012 elections, making college students a key demographic for candidates to win over in the upcoming election on Nov. 4.

Social media appears to be the best means for candidates to get their name and message out to young voters, a sizable portion of the voting population. According to

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CIRCLE's analysis of census data, "young people represent about 21 percent of the voting-eligible population."

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Congressmen face off

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The candidates were also asked to express their views on state and federal laws surrounding same-sex marriage.

"On the issue of marriage, I've always believed and have said it back in 2006, that this is an issue for the states to decide; and states will decide it," said Fitzpatrick.

On the other hand, Strouse said, "We need to move forward in history. If there are two people who love and are committed to each other, let them get married, and let's focus on more important things like how we're going to restore the middle class."

The candidates then clarified where they each stood on the legalization of marijuana.

Fitzpatrick said he believes it is gateway drug for some individuals and he fears legalization would make things worse for our country's current drug problem.

"The idea that we would encourage young Americans to be able to



Republican incumbent Mike Fitzpatrick

said Fitzpatrick.

Strouse said that he supports the decriminalization of marijuana and explained that states such as Washington and Colorado give us the opportunity to see what happens when marijuana is legalized.

He went on to explain that it's more of a criminal justice problem.

"We're throwing way to many men in prison for non-violent crimes, and that's where they learn to be violent criminals," said Strouse. "I'm not advocating for the use of marijuana. I'm just say-

Pezza also asked the candidates, "We are now four and one half years into the Affordable Healthcare Act, where do we go from here?"

PHOTO CREDIT: MARIA MATTOZZI

Fitzpatrick said he believed it had some great intentions, but it should be repealed and replaced. "It did more harm than

"Has it worked the way it was designed? The answer is a resounding no. We deserve better," said Fitzpatrick.

Strouse admitted that he is concerned over the complexity of the law and feels it needs to be

addressed.

Despite these concerns. he added, "There have been good aspects of this law. At least 7,400 more people in this district have gotten health insurance as a result of the Affordable Care Act."

"We need to reorient how we provide care in the country, where the emphasis is on quality, not just quantity of care," said Strouse.

Pezza concluded the debate urging students to get involved in the political process.

The League of Women Voters is hoping to get more people voting at this upcoming election. "They're striving for a 55 percent turnout," said Pezza. "It's ridiculous that we have to strive for such a number. We want a higher number, so please do your best to vote."

Pezza said, "We are proud of our student involvement in current and past campaigns for both parties. If you're a student out there and would like to get involved in the political process, get some course credit while you're working, please contact me to do so."

College Events

October 30

-Halloween celebration: The celebration will be held in the Gallagher Room. It begins at 12 p.m. and ends at 2 p.m.

November 6

-Super Smash Bros. Project M. Tournaments: From 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Gallagher Room. \$5 Entrance fee that is to be donated to Child's Play. Free pizza and soda comes with entrance fee.

November 7

-Zombie Run: Taking place at the Lower Bucks Campus from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

-Poetry Reading: Kim Addonizio and Hayden Sauiner in the Orangery at 7:30 p.m.

-A blacklight, highlighter, dance party from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. is being held in the Solarium. Admission is \$2 but free with a non-perishable food donation. Free pizza comes with admission.

November 8

-50th Anniversary Alumni Exhibition Reception: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Hicks Art Center Gallery. Gallery contains work from Bucks alumni. The gallery is free and open to the public

-Jazz Celebration Big Band Concert: begins at 8 p.m. in the Gateway Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the



Democratic candidate Kevin Strouse

purchase marijuana and reduce the penalties for doing so is going to increase use and the need for treatment facilities,"

ing it's clearly been a failed policy for years and it's time to try something new."

simplified. He said he also believes that healthcare inflation is a huge problem that should be

Social media and voting

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As a result, candidates now link their Facebook page, their Twitter account, and YouTube to their campaign website.

"My news feed is flooded with information on the elections and I don't think I would be as aware of these issues without social media," said Mikaela Wendel, 19, an early education major from Fairless Hills.

For candidates trying to reach young voters, online advertisement has proven to be more fruitful than television. Candidates now pay for ad space to be shown and

filtered into the news-

feeds and timelines of social media users.

This year, only 3 percent of campaign advertising dollars are spent on online ads. But it looks like this trend will only grow in the coming years.

According to a report by Borrell Associates, a media analysis company, online political campaign ad spending is likely to exceed \$1 billion in the 2016 elections.

Candidates get huge exposure from these ads on sites like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. These ad campaigns reach a large

amount of younger vot-



Bucks students relaxing with their mobile devices. said Wendel.

ers who don't take the time to pick up a daily newspaper or sit down to watch the nightly news.

"I think social media has made it possible for everyone to have instant access to today's political

issues, possibly making

them better informed,"

Not only is social media impacting the decisions of already registered voters, but it is also drawing in new voters, through campaigns urging young people to register to vote. Bucks-news.com @Centurion_Bucks October 30, 2014 Centurion 3

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The flawed two-party system

BY: JOHN FEY
Centurion Staff

On Nov. 4 registered voters will be practicing their constitutional right to vote, yet some question how much weight a vote carries in a two-party system, as constituents of third parties feel their voices go unheard.

In a two-party system the majority part and minority party dominate politics—in the U.S., the Republicans and Democrats. In our political landscape, the majority party, the party with the greatest influence over legislation, changes every two to four years as control over the House, Senate and presidency shifts.

This usually goes unquestioned by the general public, but not everyone is content with this system. "My opinion of [the two-party system] is that the idea is flawed," said Gregory Pezza, a professor of Political Science at Bucks.

"Nowhere in the Constitution is there any ref-

erence to a two party system. It is not mandated by law. It was a good idea at first. Now, it is just a reality of politics in this country."

Our two-party system is a product of our electoral system known as first-past-the-post (FPTP), where the candidate with the most votes wins. This type of electoral system favors the most powerful parties as voters will be more likely to vote for a favored candidate than gamble away their vote on a long shot candidate. This is commonly referred to as tactical voting.

The alternative to a single-winner vote, FPTP, are the multiple-winner methods. These include proportional method, semi-proportional method and majoritarian methods, and are used by most modern democracies.

Many believe that parties falling under the umbrella title of "Third Party", such as the Libertarian Party, the Green Party, and the Constitu-



U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

tion Party, are treated very unfairly during any election.

"It effects the other parties," said Pezza "because these parties are never taken seriously.

Mostly because if money. They can't peak because they don't have enough money."

When it comes to these third parties, the people involved with them feel left out and treated unfairly.

"No matter how much I complain as a Libertarian, no one cares in a political realm" said Bradley Cooper, Bucks County's Chairman of the Libertarian Party.

Cooper, a very vocal

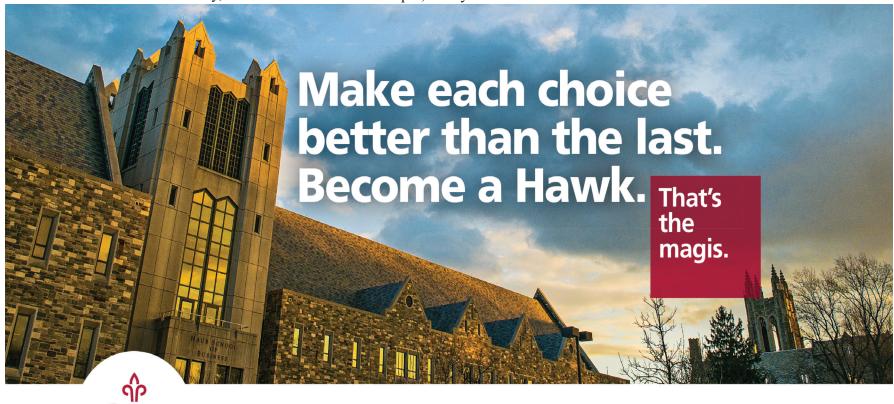
supporter of the Libertarian ideology, said of his party "In short words, we stand for minimum government and maximum freedom. Many of our core beliefs are taken right from the Constitution. We take a little from the left and the right." In Bucks County alone, a recent poll from the Pennsylvania Department of State reads a voter registration with about 187,000 Democratic voters, 175,000 Republican voters, 39,000 unaffiliated voters, and only about 3,200 Libertarian voters.

Cooper also spoke of how the two main parties treat his and other third parties

"The two parties [republican and democrat] have been in power for a very long time. Because of this, getting your name on a ballot is a tremendous problem. The two parties need less votes than the third parties to get on the ballot. For us, it is very hard to get 16,000 signatures minimum. It's a hindrance toward us."

"The Democrats and Republicans don't want us. They'll blame us for taking away votes. That's a reason we're not on the ballot. They use lawyers and make up rules that stop us from even trying to get into the election," said Cooper.

He feels his party has been thrown to the side, and says the two party system "is the worst thing for America because it doesn't give the citizens a good choice for what they want. They aren't given the choice of other candidates."



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Strouse runs for the House

The Democratic challenger hopes to unseat the Republican incumbent Mike Fitzpatrick

BY: MARIA MATTOZZI Centurion Staff

Democratic challenger, Kevin Strouse, in his run for the 8th District con-

gressional seat, has made affordable higher education the centerpiece of his campaign.

Lowering student debt and making tuition costs affordable is a key piece in Strouse's agenda. He believes the government should support new investment approaches to reduce the financial burden placed on students and their families.

Strouse's main concern over education funding is that many families are experiencing a drop in household income while tuition costs continue to rise.

"No child who gets into college and wants to go should be denied that opportunity," said Strouse. Strouse claims that fasttracking bachelor's degrees, increasing the use of online learning, and investing in employment and apprenticeship programs are critical to improving higher education.

"I went to college through the G.I. Bill, and



Kevin Strouse, Democratic challenger for the 8th Congressional District

I want all Pennsylvanians to have the same access to a quality education that I had," said Strouse. Strouse's family has a history of military service. Both of his grandfathers served in World War II and his father fought in Vietnam. Deciding to follow their legacy, Strouse left for training as an Army Ranger in Ft. Benning,

Georgia, after graduating Columbia University in 2001 with a degree in literature.

Strouse completed three tours in Afghanistan and one tour in Iraq with the rangers. After Strouse finished his service in 2004, he joined the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) for nine years. In 2009, he graduated from Georgetown University in Washington D.C. with a master's degree in security studies. In 2013, he left the CIA and moved to Middletown, Pennsylvania with his wife, Amy, and their two children.

Strouse currently works as the program director of Teach2Serve, an educational program with goals to inspire and educate participating high

school students.

Along with college improvements, he values the importance of early education advancements and identifying needed improvements. Strouse supports Tom Wolf's plan to restore a billion dollars to fund schools in Pennsylvania.

"Providing every child access to early, quality education would go a long way to helping us compete in the 21st century global economy and reduce inequality," said Strouse.

Strouse believes that putting more time into finding teachers with advanced qualifications, thoroughly funding special education and keeping classroom resources up to date are needed in order to strengthen our education system.

"We must also refocus teaching to meet the challenges of a 21st Century economy, with a greater emphasis on science, technology, and math—without merely 'teaching to the test'," said Strouse.

Kevin Strouse on the key issues:

•Rebuilding the Middle Class – his plan includes strategies to improve the education by creating a universal Pre-K, ending high-stakes testing, and making college more affordable; improve infrastructure by passing a multi-year highway bill, investing in a 21st century smart grid, and creating a national infrastructure bank; help small businesses succeed by simplifying the tax code, reauthorizing the

export-import bank, and supporting a fair wage.

•Protecting Women's Rights – he is in favor of a women's right to choose and funding for Planned Parenthood. He is against employers restricting a women's access to affordable birth control.

•Washington Dysfunction – his plan to get the government working for the people includes banning politicians from becoming lobbyists, cosponsoring legislation to require Congress to pass all 12 appropriations bills by the start of the fiscal year in order to get paid, supporting the Empowering Citizens Act to reform the public financing system, and increasing transparency and accessibility for his constituents.

•Natural Gas and Fracking – he plans to support legislation to require the



Kevin Strouse and his family PHOTO CREDIT: WWW.KEVINSTROUSE.COM

natural gas industry to disclose all chemicals used in the hydraulic fracturing process, fight to repeal the Halliburton

loophole and bring natural gas drilling under the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Safe Drinking Water Act.



Kevin Strouse speaks at Women for Strouse rally.

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Fitzpatrick defending his seat

Fitzpatrick combats Democratic challenger Strouse for the 8th District seat

BY: MARIA MATTOZZI

Centurion Staff

Republican Mike Fitzpatrick and 8th District congressional representative, has run his re-election campaign on the promise of improving the economy and increasing job opportunities within his district.

Fitzpatrick believes that purchasing goods produced by American manufacturing is important for eliminating economic issues.

According to Fitzpatrick, American manufacturing will help to balance the nation's economy by creating more American jobs and "is poised to help drive our nation out of the Great Recession and into the second American century."

"Investing in ourselves means pointing our education system and job training programs toward careers of the future, closing the 'skills gap' between manufacturers and those looking for . . . work," said Fitzpatrick.

Fitzpatrick, who graduated from Bishop Egan High School in Fairless



Fitzpatrick speaks in front of the U.S. Capitol Building, Washingon D.C.

Hills, has been a resident of Bucks County for many years.

Fitzpatrick and his wife, Kathy, have been married twenty-four years and have six children, three girls and three boys.

Fitzpatrick earned his bachelor's degree from St. Thomas University in Miami, Florida and received the school's highest service award.

Fitzpatrick then returned to Pennsylvania in 1988 and went on to graduate from Penn State's Dickinson School of Law.

Following graduation, Fitzpatrick became a

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Bucks County Commissioner. As commissioner, he helped create over 4,000 small business jobs in the county through an Enterprise Zone. He also fought to preserve over 11,000 acres of land. Fitzpatrick's work in the 109th Congress, from 2005 to 2007, was

largely conservative advocating for lower taxes, smaller budget deficits and tighter border control.

Fitzpatrick said, "Each summer I visit 100 businesses in Bucks and Montgomery counties to get a firsthand account of our local economy."

Proposed legislation sponsored by Fitzpatrick:

•SKILLS Act / Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act [H.R. 803] - eliminates and streamlines dozens of overlapping federal programs, and helps connect out-ofwork Americans with the job training programs they need. (passed the House and Senate, signed into law)

•Made in America Act [H.R. 2664] – bipartisan legislation that would connect American consumers, and consumers worldwide, to American manufacturers like never before by creating a definitive, standardized definition for designating American-made goods. •Northern Route Approval Act [H.R. 3] - approves the Keystone XL pipeline. Removes legal and regulatory obstacles that could delay construction for years. (passed House 241-175)

•Lowering Gasoline Prices to Fuel an America That Works Act [H.R. 4899] - would implement a drill-smart, job-creation plan that would require the Administration to move forward with new offshore energy production in areas containing the most oil and natural gas resources and require the Administration to hold specific offshore lease sales that were de-

layed or canceled.

(passed House 229–186)

•America's Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2014 [H.R. 4457] - Strengthens the economy and spurs increased investment by permanently allowing small busi-

nesses to deduct, upfront, the cost of purchasing new equipment and property. (passed House 262-144)

•Regulatory Improvement Act [H.R. 4646]** - creates a bipartisan com-

mission to review regulations with the goal of modifying, consolidating or repealing outdated, duplicative or inefficient regulations.



Fitzpatrick congratulates Tim Cathers Jr. of Doylestown on reaching the rank of Eagle Scout.

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Wolf offers change for state

Tom Wolf aims to break Pennsylvania's "8-year" superstition and unseat Tom Corbett

BY: LUIS QUINTAS

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A relative unknown at the start of the year, Tom Wolf has gone on to become the Democrat elected gubernatorial candidate, now poised to unseat incumbent Governor Tom Corbett in the Nov. 4, 2014 Pennsylvania general election.

Born and raised in York, PA, Wolf attended The Hill School, an elite boarding school in Pottstown, PA. From there he went on to study at Dartmouth University to attain his B.A.

While at Dartmouth, Wolf decided to leave school temporarily to join the Peace Corps, where he was stationed in rural India. During his time in the Peace Corps, Wolf worked on agricultural and irrigation projects for two years in Orissa, India.

Wolf returned to Dartmouth in 1971 after his Peace Corps stint was over. Upon graduating, he got a master's degree from London University, and then started work on his Ph.D. at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Wolf met his wife, Frances, while in school. They have been married for 39 years, and have raised two daughters, Sarah and Katie.

After graduating from M.I.T. in 1979, Wolf went back home to start working at the WOLF Organization—his family business specializes in kitchen-cabinet design and distribution—as a forklift operator and warehouse worker, until purchasing the company



Democratic candidate Tom Wolf

in 1985 with his two cousins.

In 2006 Wolf sold his company to a private equity firm, and was later nominated by Governor Ed Rendell to be the Secretary of Revenue in January 2007. Wolf donated

his government salary to charity and refused a state car, opting to drive his own personal jeep.

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He served as the Secretary of Revenue on Rendell's cabinet from April 2007 until he resigned in November 2008 to run for governor of Pennsylvania in the 2010.

However, Wolf backed out in order to repurchase the Wolf Organization, which was facing bankruptcy.

On April 2, 2013, Wolf announced his candidacy for governor and went on to win the primary election, held on May 20, 2014, and the Democratic nomination for governor.

As such, he will face incumbent Governor Tom Corbett on the Nov. 4 in the general election.



Wolf's wife and two daughters

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Tom Wolf on the issues:

- Abortion Rights: Wolf supports women's right to choose
- •Health Care: Wolf would scrap elements of "Healthy PA" in favor of a traditional Medicaid expansion. In particular, he opposes the premium structure that would go into effect in 2016 for certain new Medicaid enrollees and the reduction of benefits being sought by Corbett for healthier adults in the traditional Medicaid program.
- •Education: Wolf would increase spending on public schools by \$1 billion and seek to increase the state's share of public school spending to 50 percent of the overall cost from the current level of about 33 percent. Wolf would convene a commission to develop funding formulas for charter schools and cyber
- •Minimum Wage: Wolf supports increasing Pennsylvania's minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour,

charters.

- set by federal law, to \$10.10 over a two-year period and indexing it to inflation.
- •Public Pensions: Wolf would maintain a defined benefit pension program for public employees and oppose switching to a 401(k)-style plan. He opposes further delaying the state's annual pension obligation payments and would consider supporting a taxpayer-backed bond to pay down pension debt.
- •Natural Gas Policy: Wolf opposes a broad moratorium on natural
- gas drilling and opposes the leasing of more state parks and state forest for drilling. Wolf supports a moratorium on drilling in the Delaware River Basin. Wolf also supports imposing a 5 percent severance tax on natural gas extraction.
- •Gay Rights: Wolf would support legislation to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in matters of housing, employment and public accommodation. Wolf also supports recognition of same-sex marriage.



Tom Wolf at a LGBT rally

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1.Tom Wolf - \$10 million

campaign

Top 10 donors to Tom Wolf's

- 2. M. Thomas Grum-
- bacher (chairman of the board, Bon-Ton Stores) - \$2.2 million
- 3. Louis J. Appell Jr. (former owner of Susquehanna Pfaltzgraff Co., a pottery maker) -\$725,000
- 4. Pennsylvania State Education Association PAC - \$700,000
- 5. William Wolf -\$650,000
- •Gun Rights: Wolf would sign legislation to expand background checks, ban assault weapon sales, require reporting of lost and stolen guns and allow municipal gun control ordinances.
- •Liquor: Wolf opposes a system of private licensing, and instead would liberalize existing laws to encourage a more profitable state-store system.
- •Taxes: Wolf supports increasing income taxes to offset reductions to school property taxes. He would seek to change Pennsylvania's personal

- 6. Committee for a Better Tomorrow (Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association PAC) - \$600,000
- 7. Pennsylvania Service **Employees International** Union - \$500,000
- 8. American Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees -\$500,000
- 9. Democratic Governors Association - \$475,000
- 10. American Federation of Teachers - \$450,000

income tax law to shift a bigger burden to higher earners, but he has not given full details. He would seek to close the "Delaware loophole" through a change in law called combined reporting. He would seek to lower the corporate net income tax rate, although he has not given full details.

•Marijuana: Wolf would sign legislation to legalize marijuana for broader medicinal purposes. He supports decriminalizing possession of less than 1 once of marijuana.

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Corbett gunning for second term

Despite being tainted by scandals and falling behind Democratic opponent Tom Wolf in the polls, incumbent governor Tom Corbett is determined to win the race for reelection

BY: DIAMOND SCHULER Centurion Staff

This year Republican candidate Tom Corbett seeks to maintain his position as governor of Pennsylvania for a sec-

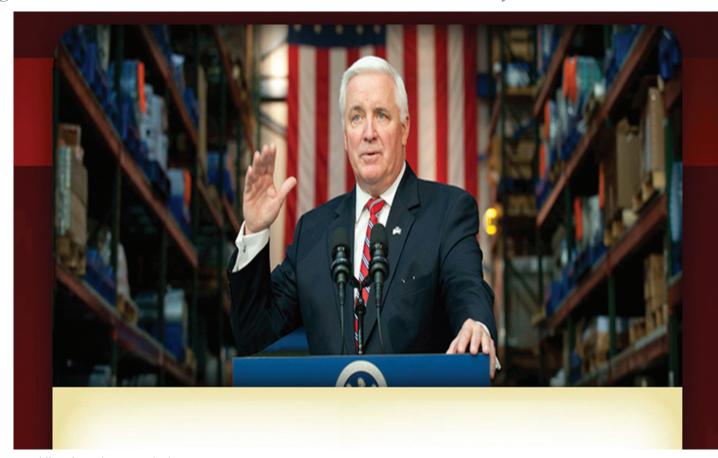
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law degree.

Corbett was born and raised in Pennsylvania. He received his undergraduate degree from Lebanon Valley College. Later, he went on to St. Mary's University School of Law in Texas where he received his

In 1971 – 1984 Corbett served in the United Sates in Pennsylvania's National Guard 28th Infantry Division, where he successfully rose from a private to a captain during his 13 years of service.

Before Corbett's induction as governor, he was appointed to fill the temporary role as Pennsylvania's attorney general from 1995 to 1997. Later in 2004, Corbett was officially elected as attorney general and then reelected with more than 3 million votes, a recordbreaking amount for any Pennsylvanian republi-



Republican incumbent Tom Corbett

can candidate. As attorney general, he and others in his office successfully returned and saved Pennsylvanians over half a billion dollars in tax payments.

As Governor, for the first time in 40 years of Pennsylvania history, Corbett successfully cut down government spending as well as balancing state budgets. He claims to be a man that seeks to

fight for the people of Pennsylvania and their rights.

He has also suffered several controversies during his period in office. The opposition has accused Corbett of "dragging his feet" during the infamous Sandusky trial to avoid angering his supporters that were Penn State alumni in the election year. Worse yet it has rePHOTO CREDIT: TOMCORBETTFORGOVERNOR.COM

cently been brought to light that several of the employees that served under Corbett when he was attorney general and eventually became members of his cabinet after being elected as governor were exchanging pornographic emails during work-time. Corbet claims he was not involved in this scandal and had no knowledge of

it, but this has only

served to make him appear incompetent in the eyes of many voters.

Corbett and his wife Susan have two children, Tom and Kathrine. Tom is a graduate student at Carnegie Mellon University and Kathrine is a prosecutor in the office of Philadelphia District Attorneys.

Where Corbett stands on state issues:

- •Corbett refuses to raise taxes on PA working class families. This has been achieved by passing 4 budgets that are helping put Pennsylvanians back to work and maintaining more controlled government spending
- •He supports legislation to increase sales or income taxes to offset reductions to school property taxes.
- •Corbett opposes abortion rights.
- •While in office Corbett won approval for his "Healthy PA" plan. He seeks federal approval to pull back on the benefits for healthier adults in the regular Medicaid program
- •Corbett does not promise or seek to add more funding to public schools.
- •Corbett believes increasing Pennsylvania's minimum wage is not needed and would prefer for the federal government to set
- •Corbett opposes a taxpayer-backed bond to pay down pension debt.
- •Corbett opposes the **Environmental Protec**tion Agency standards to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from coal-fired power plants. He does

- however support the idea of helping coal fired power plants learn ways to reduce their pollution levels, and practice pollution control.
- •Corbett opposes the leasing of any more state parks and forests for oil drilling.
- •Corbett opposes the recognition of same-sex marriage in Pennsylvania however he allowed for it to become law, after a fight in the federal courts.
- •Corbett supports any legislation to ban discrimination that is based off of the sexual orientation or gender identity when it comes to matters of employment, public accommodations, as well as housing.
- •While in office Corbett signed legislation to expand rights of someone with a gun to protect their self with deadly
- •Corbett opposes legislation that seeks to expand background checks to more gun purchases, ban assault weapons, require that gun owners report lost or stolen guns, and grant municipalities the ability to enact con-
- trol ordinances. •Corbett supports termi-



Governor Tom Corbett

nating the state's wholesale and retail control of wine and liquor sales, he is in favor of a system of private licensing.

•Corbett proposed a

limited medical marijuana plan. He opposes decriminalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana and opposes legalizing

the sale of it for recre-

ational use.

•Corbett supports the death penalty and has not called for a moratorium.

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Art

Support the troops, buy art

BY: CENTURION STAFF

The "Proud to Be An American" art exhibit lead the charge with a variety of vibrant, patriotic works from local artists, helping to raise \$1,000 for the Wounded Warriors Project.

The exhibit is on display in The Gallery on the Lower Bucks campus from Sept. 8 through Nov. 20.

"I'm pleased to report that between the artist entrance fees, a raffle held at the reception on Sept. 12 and a donation from the Lower Bucks campus arm of the Veterans Club, we were able to donate \$1000.00 to the Wounded Warriors Project to assist our veterans who have proudly and heroically served our country," said James Sell, Executive Director of Lower Bucks campus. The Wounded Warrior

ganization that helps wounded U.S. military veterans and their families. Receiving an unprecedented 90+ entries for

Project is a nonprofit or-

the first exhibition of the 14-15 academic year, James Sell showed great exuberance for the opening of "Proud to Be An American". "We had to extend the

gallery walls down another hallway to accommodate the amount of art we have received for Proud To Be An American," said Sell.

Sell and his colleagues felt the greatest challenge for this exhibit would be getting enough "diverse

interpretation of the [patriotic] theme," from the local artists.

"Our fears were relieved as the artists really have outdone themselves with the pieces we received – making it a truly unique and remarkable visual experience," explained Sell.

The myriad of artistic endeavors, which fill the walls of The Gallery, captured moments of victory, loss, patriotic duty, as well as the darker side of modern warfare.

Looking at a piece made from World War II newspaper clippings and vintage photographs of heroes standing with their wives and girlfriends after the end of the war filled one's chest with pride.

"You really get a patriotic feel when you look at these paintings" said Alfredo Ramos, 20, Lower Bucks nursing major.

Not all of the pieces were celebrations of victory, however. Some paid homage to fallen heroes. One photo, a navy sailor presenting flowers to a mother at her fallen son's funeral, demonstrated the compassion and brotherhood between the military personnel.

"It makes you feel proud as an American, but also a little sad," said Andrew Movsovich, 20, music major.

Other pieces captured the pride and heroism of local veterans whose tours of duty ranged from the Korean War to Desert Storm while oth-



Crossing America by Rodney Miller

ers capture a darker side to America's modern conflicts.

Towards the end of the exhibit, many modern pieces of art presented the countless conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, displaying quotes such as "I never want to return" and "I'm afraid to go home, because they may force me back."

One of the many artists whose work is on display is local representational artist, Gloria Young Smith. Starting in the medical field, Smith worked at Mercy Hospital in Rockville Center, N.Y. where she dedicated more than 10 years in the field, afterwards beginning freelance work with her art.

Smith has contributed many works towards the art community and teaches art to others who are equally motivated. She also continues to expand in her craft and it is clear how greatly the talent is transferred from brush to canvas on the display.

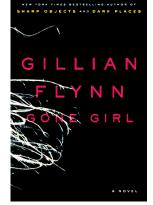
"In addition to individual artists, we have a lot of participation from artists groups such as the Artists of Bristol on the Delaware, Artsbridge, Artists of Yardley and the New Hope Art League.

So we get folks coming from all over lower Bucks County and beyond," said Sell.

There were no works of art submitted for this exhibit by Bucks students according to Sell but some have in the past and he encourages students to contribute to future exhibits.

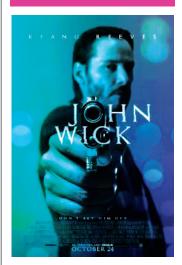
"The entrance fee is \$10.00 and all art prospectuses are available on our web site. We'd love to see more student participation," said Sell.

Books



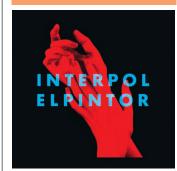
"Gone Girl" is a spell binding masterpiece about a marriage gone terribly, terribly wrong from one of the most critically acclaimed suspense writers of our time, New York Times bestseller Gillian Flynn. Now a feature film starring Ben Af-

Movies



An ex-hitman comes out of retirement to track down the gangsters that took everything from him. Starring: Keanu Reeves, Michael Nyqvist, and Alfie Allen

Music



"El Pintor", released Sept. 9, is Interpol's lastest albumn. Without bassist Carlos Dengler the group has made a celebrated return to its post-punk roots for El Pintor (an anagram of Interpol).

50th anniversary art show

BY: MICHELE HADDON

Centurion Staff

Bucks celebrated its 50th anniversary with a commissioned art premier that featured art and music inspired by the college's very culturallyrooted history.

Dr. Stephanie Shanblatt, president of Bucks, welcomed the attendees who gathered in the Gateway Auditorium and the Linksz Pavilion on Oct. 11 to celebrate the many accomplishments of the college, praising the community for its support in fostering arts and culture.

"Our roots are in a county that welcomes artists and musicians," said Shanblatt. The festivities began with a modern jazz suite called, "Portraits from the Pub," composed by

Associate Music Profes-

sor Jeff Baumeister. The BC3 Jazz Tentet, featuring faculty and prominent local musicians, performed the seven original jazz songs, which Baumeister called a hidden tribute to Stella



Following the concert, attention shifted over to the Linksz Pavilion for the art unveiling. Dr. Clayton Railey introduced the artists, explaining that the featured

artwork truly represented

the spirit of the college.

Quilter Ann Geddes stood alongside professor Barbara Korb as she described the inspiration behind their "Cooper Homestead Collaboration." This collaboration included a quilt by Geddes depicting the Cooper Homestead building and five collages by Korb portraying the historical building through the use hand-crafted paper.

Professor Mark Sfirri then presented his 12foot tall lathe-turned and carved wood sculpture called, "Building Blocks," he described as an abstract piece representing the building blocks of knowledge.

"Both works, each in their own way, speak to the potential in each individual for creative, critical, and beautiful interactions with the material world," said Railey.



"Building Blocks" now resides in the Linksz Pavillion.

ious media but with

"We are very fortunate to have among us such artists who can realize this potential in such var-

equally compelling expressions of beauty."

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Entertainment

Zombies overrunning Lower Bucks

BY: MARIA MATTOZI

Centurion Staff

The Lower Bucks campus will be holding a frighteningly-fun new event called the "Zombie Run" on Nov. 7 to support the Wounded Warrior Project and collect canned goods for families in need.

Established by Anna Candelaria, president of the Lower Bucks Program Council, the Zombie Run will have its participants running through the woods from zombies, only instead of running for their lives, they'll be running for the benefit of others.

each participant will have two life tags. The goal is to be the first to make it to the finish line before the zombies can rip off these tags. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers—

At the start of the race,

those who cross the finish line with at least one remaining life tag. They are also looking for volunteers to be a part of the zombie hoard.

"We really need more volunteers and staff members. We need a lot of zombies for this," said Candelaria.

The Zombie Run will be held on Nov. 7 from 2-5 p.m.

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 7. Registration will cost

\$5 for those who bring five canned goods to be donated to homes in need. Normal registration cost is \$7.

Further donations are also accepted and encouraged. Profits from the event go towards the Wounded Warrior Project, a charity that supports injured service



A flyer for the first annual Lower Bucks Zombie Run

members.

The event is open to everyone in the community, who is at least18 years old. Friends and family are welcomed to join the zombie apocalypse.

Participants are required to wear sneakers.

No pets, weapons or costume props of any kind are permitted at the zombie run.

For further questions, comments or concerns

about volunteering or the

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event itself, contact Anna Candelaria, president of the Lower Bucks Program Council, at 267-987-1221 or at candelariaa@live.bucks.e

Bucks loves about horror

BY: MICHAEL GIRTON

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Around Halloween the horror genre has always expanded from its usual niche group to grab the interest of everyone, drawing all sorts of people to movies, television shows and video games designed specifically to scare them to the point of near insanity, so it felt only natural during this eerie time of year for the Centurion to take a look at peoples' particular interests in the always present but ever-changing genre.

When asked about their interests in horror films names like "Sinister" and "Saw" were used often amongst the students at Bucks. Many of them seemed to agree that horror films today are more serious with better effects, allowing for more realistic and frightening scenarios--though they do sometimes fall into the trap of cheap jump scares.

Harrison Venema, a 22year-old Business major believes the classic horror films are loved more for nostalgia than quality, and looking back today, many seem cheesy and not legitimately scary. Other students agreed that some of these older movies look goofy and haven't aged well. "Atmosphere and pacing are the most important things in horror," says Venema. "A good horror movie shouldn't be scary when you watch it, it should be scary when you're at home trying to fall

asleep." Other students like Jose

Fabian, 20-year-old Liberal Arts major, still enjoy the older films, claiming they have more story to them than the newer films. Of course that doesn't stop him from enjoying the cheesy slasher films like "Freddy vs. Jason", though he considers these movies more funny than scary.

When it comes to horror games the term survivalhorror is very popular, with names like "Amnesia" and "Silent Hill" topping the list for student gamers. "The best horror games are the ones that make the player feel helpless and oppressed to create a true sense of dread" said Peter Davis, 20-year-old Computer Science major. He feels that most game developers fail to do this since the horror genre seems to fundamentally contradict what most video games set out to do. "Most video games work to empower the player, and most players are people seeking empowerment for that reason" commented Davis. "A lot of horror games are simply first person shooters that have been dolled up to appear scary. I think it is a problem because I feel that the true essence of horror lies in the psychological aspect... Newer horror games are trying to em-

and tend to move out of the genre because of that." When it comes to the television screen some

students recall watching

power the player to reach

a larger demographic,





"Sinister" and "Paranormal Activity" were horror movies well-received by Bucks students

"Tales from the Crypt" in Arts major, is a huge fan their youth. Others think of the show and the of "American Horror Story" and "The Walking Dead." Ben Immordino, a 19-year-old Liberal

whole zombie obsession in America in general. He claims to have watched the show from

its start and that it has only gotten progressively better over time.

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Bucks News

Transfering? PTK can help

BY: BRIANNE SHEAHAN

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For students whose time at Bucks is drawing to a close, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) is holding a transfer orientation, run by students, to help make the transition to a four-year college easier.

The transfer orientation will be held on Nov. 11, 6 p.m. at Newtown Campus in the Solarium. PTK's goal is to help students by showing them how to utilize online resources for a successful transfer.

The goal of holding a student- run event on transferring is to help the students succeed in their goals by helping them

understand the process of transfer in a more logical fashion, explained Caroline Libman, a student and a vice president of PTK, and organizer of the transfer orientation.

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Libman and other students felt sharing their stories and transfer experiences would provide Bucks students with a better perspective and understanding of the transfer process.

"It seemed like a nice idea to share our experiences with other students so they can learn from our mistakes and have a better understanding of the transfer process, leading to a better result," said Libman.

PTK feels transferring to a larger university can



PHI THETA KAPPA

A logo for the PTK honor society be made easy with the right steps. In the orientation PTK will explain the proper steps to help students get closer to their dream school and guide students through a plethora of websites that can make their transition more enjoyable.

An hour long orientation may seem like an

eternity but PTK's orientation can save Bucks students time and money by leading them to sites offering virtual tours of universities and colleges, saving them from the hassles of college visits.

For students whose greatest obstacle of transferring to a four-year school is the price tag,

the orientation will also

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direct students to transfer scholarships to help them succeed.

For more information about Bucks' transfer services, students should visit

bucks.edu/student/transfer.

What Bucks bout horror oves

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"Who doesn't like an end of the world zombie apocalypse scenario?" Immordino said. Other students like Venema say "The Walking Dead" isn't true horror

for that exact reason. He believes that while the whole zombie apocalypse idea was originally scary it's become so overused that it's actually been romanticized, and that people actually think living in a zombie in-

fested world would be exciting. Many students seem to agree with him. Fabian thinks that movies like "Warm Bodies" suggest that we may have taken the whole zombie fad a bit too far, and that it should be

dying out soon.

Despite their differing interests on the genre all students agree that the horror genre will never completely disappear. It will of course fluctuate in people's interest and in what types are popular,

but it will always be there for anyone looking to get their heart racing. Simply put by Venema, "People like being scared."

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National News

Ebola quarantine sparks debate

BY: GABRIEL ORTIZ

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Among mounting concerns over the worst Ebola outbreak in history, U.S. officials have employed a more proactive approach in their latest response to the growing global crisis.

So far, four cases have been diagnosed in the U.S, resulting in one death—Thomas Eric Duncan, a Liberian man who travelled via plane from Liberia to Dallas. In West Africa, over 9,900 have been contracted the virus and nearly 5,000 have died, according to the World

The general consensus around the world is that the U.S. officials, along with other world leaders, have not done enough to contain, and ultimately stop the outbreak.

Health Organization.

"Stopping Ebola is a priority for the United States. I've said that this is as important a national security priority for my team as anything else that's out there. We'll do our part. We will continue to lead, but this has to be a priority for every-

body else," said President Barack Obama at a recent United Nations meeting.

Earlier this month, the U.S. deployed military personnel to West Africa in an attempt to manage the outbreak in the place of its origins.

The president spoke of the responsibility he feels America has in helping those affected in Africa. "I want you to know that you are not alone. We're working urgently to get you the help you need. And we will not stop, we will not relent until we halt this epidemic once and for all."

The president as well as the Center for Disease Control (CDC), has denied the possibility of bans placed on flights at this time, according to the Director of the CDC, Tom Frieden, who spoke on Oct. 20. "We want to do something that protects Americans, not something that either is done for show or something that won't have an impact," said Frieden.

Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, has also voiced



This is the hospital in Kenema, Sierra Leone, West Africa, where the Ebola virus samples are tested to see if someone has the virus or not. This photo was taken in June 2014.

his disapproval of any bans on travel at this time, citing restrictions could have negative effects on trade for several governments in Africa.

"You isolate them, you can cause unrest in the country," Fauci told Fox News. "It's conceivable that governments could fall if you just isolate them completely."

In an attempt to manage efforts in the U.S. to contain the disease, Obama appointed Ron Klain to the position of Ebola response coordinator. In this new role, Klain, a former chief of staff to both Vice President Al Gore and Vice President

Joe Biden, will oversee and manage the federal government's overall response to the Ebola crisis.

Since his appointment though, Klain has been criticized his lack of response to the recent clashes between state and federal authorities.

Despite strong resistance and criticism from White House officials and the medical experts, New York and New Jersey officials have initiated strict mandatory quarantine policies on the state level.

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie and New York Governor Chris Cuomo both announced these new mandates on Oct. 24, ignoring pleas from White House administration.

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According to a statement issued by the White House following a meeting between Obama and the Ebola response team, Obama said, "these measures must recognize that health care workers are an indispensable element of our effort to lead the international community to contain and ultimately end this outbreak at its source, and should be crafted so as not to unnecessarily discourage those workers from serving."

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Sports

Great volleyball season ends

BY: CARLY PENDERGAST

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A first round playoff exit should not over shadow the Bucks Women's Volleyball team's recent success in making the playoffs for the first time since entering the NJCAA's Region

The team is led by former assistant coach and now head coach of two years, Stephanie Recklau, and assistant coach, Alyson Stark.

When asked what got her team this far Recklau said, "This team is a dedicated group who never once gave up and continued to improve upon their individual skills and their team unity throughout the season."

"As a young program, we set our sights every year on being better than we were the previous year, as well as making the playoffs with a record of .500." The girls surpassed those expectations this year.

Some of Coach Recklau's "Standout Stars" of the season have been her returning sophomores:

•Captain Dominique So-



A picture of the Women's Volleyball team.

vani from Central High School

•Captain Jessica Gwiazdowski from Villa Joseph Marie

•Captain Sarah Alu from Central Bucks

 Rima Parkhomchuk from Neshaminy High School

"[They] are without a doubt the strongest returning class we have seen at Bucks in the past several years." said Coach Recklau.

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The strong sophomore women have "welcomed the freshman and provided a core of stability for the program that has allowed us to be as successful as we were this season."

The women left the regular season with a Region record of 11-9 and started their playoff journey on Tuesday Oct. 21 at Bergen Community College.

Recklau stated, "We are the underdog in this

game but my expectation is that the team fights for every point, never gives up, plays their game, and above all has fun and enjoys the moment. Unfortunately the

women did not make it past the first round losing to very strong Bergen Community College 3-0.

"It was not a great outcome but it was a great season," said Recklau.

Sports Briefs

Men's Baseball looking for players

Men's Baseball had a meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 21, for all students interested in playing in the upcoming fall and spring seasons.

If you are interested in playing but were unaware or unable to make it to the meeting, please contact Justin Burroughs at his e-mail, Justin.Burroughs@bucks.edu.

Men's Soccer off to the playoffs

The men's soccer team ended their regular season with an over-all record of 15-2 and a conference record of 10-0. The team will start the playoffs on Saturday, Oct. 25. All Bucks students are encouraged to come out and show their support.

Basketball season tipping off

Both men's and women's basketball will take the court on Nov. 6 at Bergen. The women tip off at 5 p.m. and the men tip off at 7 p.m. As always, all Bucks students are encouraged to come and show their support.

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